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THE HARDY GARDEN

THESE days, everyone has become aware that a garden filled with old-fashioned hardy flowers gives *most lasting* delight. The charm of the quietly beautiful gardens of Colonial days has the same special appeal as the old prints and lovely furniture of an earlier age.

To discover sturdy leaves and buds pushing up through the ground each year just as *surely as spring itself comes*, to know that although neglected, your plants will *not* die, but continue to make their annual appearance, cheerfully blooming their best, brings satisfaction and content; for *in its wonderful permanence* lies the hardy garden's greatest appeal.

Blooms from Spring to Fall

With a little planning ahead, one may garner a wealth of bloom day by day from early spring until the ground is frozen in the fall. Early spring is ushered in with fragrant, low-growing *Phlox subulata* and tiny *Iris pumila*, dainty Columbine, and Lily-of-the-Valley which give place later to lovely Irises and Peonies. June brings the blue Delphinium and Baptisia and Yellow Day Lilies (*Hemerocallis*) with the pinks and reds of *Dianthus*. The mainstay of the garden in July and August is the Phlox with its many shades of pink and lavender, and Orange Milkweed, clear white Shasta Daisies, and graceful violet-blue *Veronica*, add to the array. Then comes autumn, with *Chrysanthemums* of golden yellow and bronze-red.

Plenty of Variety

A large part of the pleasure in working with hardy perennials is derived from their endless variety. An infinite choice in color, texture of foliage, and habit lies before the gardener. To appreciate the distinct individuality of each plant and to watch them respond to proper care arouses an interest unstirred by less exciting plants.

For Example

In the following twelve varieties I have given you a wide variety from which to choose. *Iberis*, *Myosotis*, and *Ceratostigma* are low growing ground-covers to plant in front of higher sorts. As three or five plants of a kind grouped together are more effective than one each of several kinds, I have listed them that way. If space warrants it, the same group should be repeated more than once in any planting design.



Japanese Iris

TWELVE VARIETIES

Astilbe, Queen Alexandra. Pink.
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (Plumbago). Blue.
Chrysanthemum maximum, Shasta Daisy. White.
Delphinium. Shades of blue.
Hemerocallis, Apricot (June Yellow Day Lily).
Hemerocallis, Luteola (August Yellow Day Lily).
Iberis sempervirens (Hardy Candytuft). White.
Japanese Iris, Ho-O-Jo. Deep purple.
Myosotis alpestris (Forget-me-not).
Phlox decussata. Pink.
Platycodon (Chinese Bellflower). Blue.
Veronica amethystina. Blue.

5 plants of any one variety \$1.25; 10 plants of any one variety \$2.25; 5 plants of each variety above (60 plants) \$12.



Mixed border, showing Foxgloves and Sweet Williams

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Rock Planting

Rock Plants for All Year

NOTHING has quite the same charm as careful planting among the rocks. The fragrant evergreen Daphne, and masses of *Phlox subulata* or Sedum look their best in such a setting.

12 doz. plants, my selection	\$25 00
25 plants, in 5 varieties	5 00
3 Daphne cneorum	5 00
12 Iris pumila (purple)	2 50
12 Sedum, in 4 varieties	2 50

Good Varieties for Cutting

OFTEN we hesitate to cut any quantity of flowers from our borders as it spoils their appearance. We should, therefore, grow a group of plants to be used for that purpose.

60 plants, my selection	\$10 00	12 Everblooming Sweet William	\$2 50
12 Pyrethrum (pink)	2 50	12 Chrysanthemums, assorted	2 50
6 Anthemis and 6 Gaillardia	2 50		

Perennials for Autumn

A MASS of Asters and Chrysanthemums yield a delightful riot of color that lasts until freezing weather. These, with a mass of lavender Mist Flower (*Eupatorium caelestinum*) and tall-growing Sedum will fill the autumn months with bloom and should be included in every border.

12 Tall Lavender Sedum spectabile	\$2 50
25 Assorted Chrysanthemums and Asters	5 00
12 Eupatorium caelestinum, 3 clumps of White Phlox	3 00

One of the most useful and decorative woody vines. The hard, bright red berries last all winter.

Celastrus scandens (Bittersweet).	{ 2-year-old, 3 plants for \$1
	{ 2-year-old, 25 plants for \$5

Perennials for Spring

SPRING flowers are the daintiest and most appealing of all. The exquisite Columbine and Bleeding-Heart, or Creeping Phlox with their masses of white or lavender, have a delicacy and grace unmatched by summer and autumn's bolder blooms.

Spring-blooming Collection, 60 plants	\$10 00
12 strong clumps of Lily-of-the-Valley	2 50
12 Long-spurred Columbine	2 00
24 Phlox subulata lilacina and alba	5 00



Bronze-red
Chrysanthemum



Hemerocallis Luteola

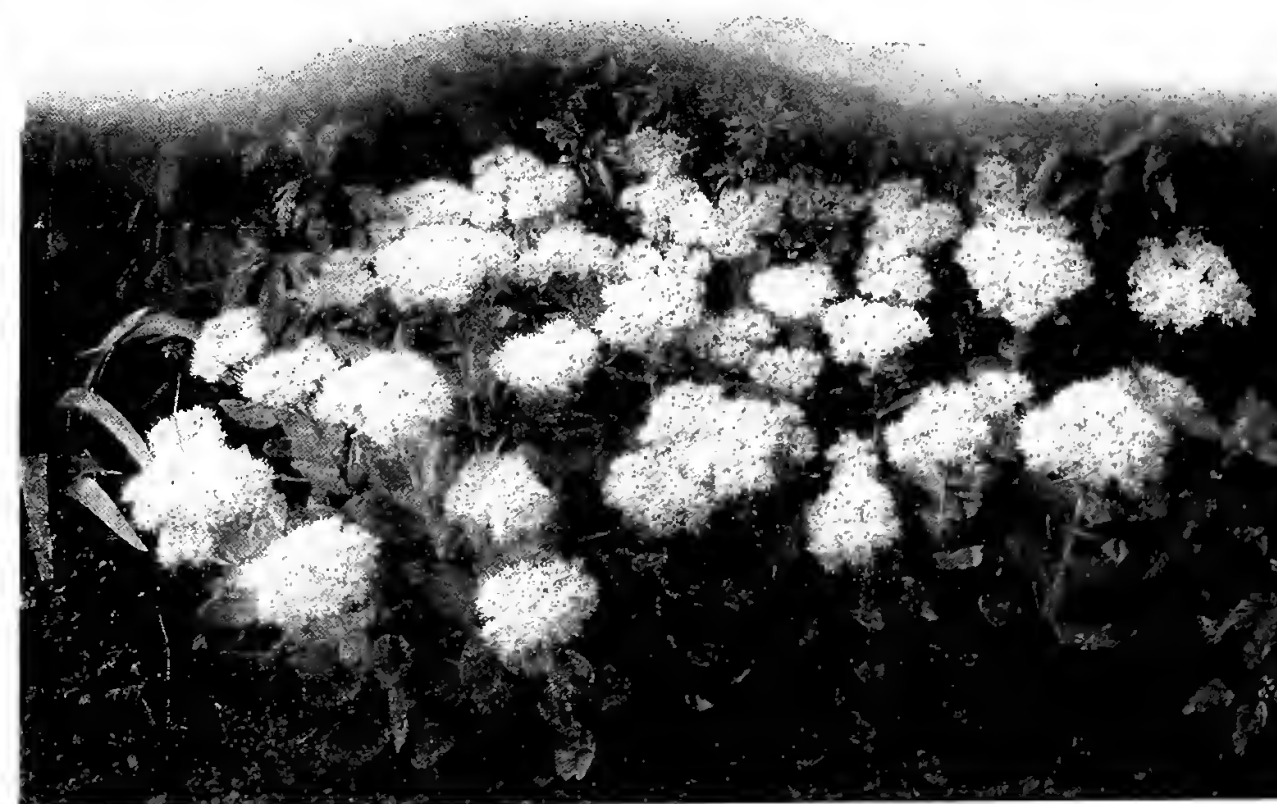
Perennials for Summer

UNLESS we plan specially for the summer months, the garden is apt to become bare and uninteresting at that time. The following suggestions will overcome this.

12 Astilbe, 3 varieties	\$4 00
12 Hemerocallis, 3 varieties	2 50
12 Phlox, Lavender and White	2 00
18 plants of blue color	3 50
Summer Collection, 60 plants	10 00



Delphinium Belladonna



Sedum spectabile

The TWO GREAT FAMILIES

German Iris

WONDERFUL possibilities open to everyone in arranging Iris-gardens, both large and small. Irises range in color from bright yellow to cream-white, pale silvery lavender to royal purple, violet, maroon-red, and lilac-pink. Some are self-colored, some with standards and falls of different colors. Their general adaptability and exquisite beauty make them indispensable. In the following collections I supply strong plants of fine named varieties, including both early and late kinds from which you should have blooms from May 15 till June 15.

Violet Iris Collection: Various shades and combinations of violet, lavender, blue, and white, 36 plants, \$6.

Yellow Iris Collection: Shades of clear yellow and yellow combined with maroon or violet, 36 plants, \$6.

Pink Iris Collection: Shades of mauve-pink, deep claret and white, 36 plants, \$6.

Six each of 6 Choice Varieties: 36 plants, \$10.

Standard Collection: Five each of 8 different Irises, 40 plants, \$5.

Siberian Iris: White and blue, fine for naturalizing, 100 plants, \$10.

Peonies

Are charming along each side of a broad walk or in sweeping curves against a background of shrubbery. In the mixed border they are most effective in isolated clumps, rather than in masses. In the following collections I have included only varieties of real worth. The plants are strong, having *five eyes each*, and the collections embrace a wide variety of color and form.

Decoration Day Collection: 5 roots of named varieties . . . \$5 00

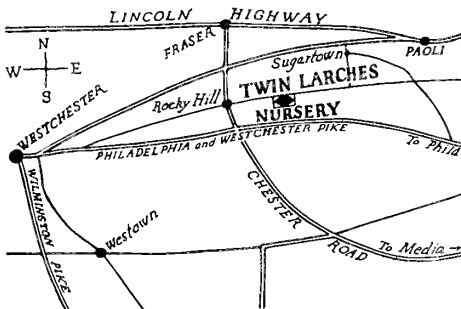
Midseason Collection: 12 roots of fine varieties . . . 10 00

Late-blooming Collection: 5 roots of very choice varieties 7 50

German Iris, Her Majesty

The Best Way

We are always glad to have anyone interested in hardy plants come here and see our nursery, talk with us, and solve their garden problems. We are within easy motoring distance of any place near Philadelphia and present this map for your convenience. Come and see the flowers in bloom and choose your own plants in the field. Look for the hanging sign at crossroad on map marked "Rocky Hill."



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Border of Peonies and Irises